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1. AGENDA ITEM 22 REAL ESTATE FUND. ADG FURTH REPORTED THAT ITEMS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE. RESPONDING TO EB COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEETING ROOM, FURTH ADVISED THAT AIR CONDITIONING AND LIGHTING REQUIRE OVERHAUL AND DG WILL STUDY AND REPORT TO EB. ROUGH ESTIMATES ARE WITHIN INTEREST ACCRUING TO FUND.

2. AGENDA ITEM 23 VOLUNTARY FUND FOR HEALTH PROMOTION. REPORT IN EB59/23 SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO BOARD'S REQUEST AND DG WILL ALSO REPORT TO WHA. DG SAID THAT ALL REQUESTS FOR BUDGETING FROM FUND WILL BE EVALUATED BY NEWLY FORMED SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE (MEMBERSHIP NOT NAMED) WHICH ADVISES DG.

3. AGENDA ITEM 16 DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM BUDGETING AND MANAGEMENT OF WHO RESOURCES AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL. FULL DISCUSSION OF AND SUPPORT FOR NEW PROCEDURES SET OUT IN EB59/13. U.S. POINTS EFFECTIVELY PRESENTED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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CANADA, AUSTRALIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND AFRO MEMBERS. ADG FURTH QUOTED FROM EXTERNAL AUDITOR THAT PRESENT SYSTEM OF DETAILED PROJECT BUDGETING THREE TO FOUR YEARS IN ADVANCE SHOWED THAT OF 370 PROJECTS IN ONE REGION (NOT NAMED) 24 PERCENT NOT IMPLEMENTED, 30 PERCENT IMPLEMENTED WITH MAJOR CHANGES AND 40 PERCENT IMPLEMENTED WITHIN 20 PERCENT FUNDING ALLOCATION. UNDER NEW PRO-

CEDURE 1980 PROGRAM-BUDGET WILL BE DRAFTED IN FALL OF 1978 BY THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES, REVIEWED IN DETAIL BY REGIONAL DIRECTORS IN FALL OF 1979 AND BY EB IN JANUARY 1980. SAME PATTERN FOR 1981 AND BEYOND.

4. AGENDA ITEM 24 CONFIRMATION OF AMENDMENTS TO STAFF RULES. APPROVED WITH MINIMUM DISCUSSION.

5. AGENDA ITEM 25 RECRUITMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF

IN WHO. DOCUMENT EB59/25 INTRODUCED BY ADG FURTH FOLLOWED BY DG WHO EMPHASIZED DRASTIC IMPACT OF WHA29.48 ON THRUST AND OPERATIONS OF WHO, RESULTING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STAFF NEEDS. NORMAL ANNUAL STAFF TURNOVER REDUCED FROM 200-300 TO ABOUT 50, THUS LIMITING POTENTIAL FOR STAFF CHANGES. ZAMBIA MADE CAREFUL, DETAILED ANALYSIS OF EB59/25 AND CONCLUDED THAT THE DG HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF IN SPITE OF CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY WHA29.48 AND RECOMMENDED THAT EB SHOW ITS CONFIDENCE IN DG BY AUTHORIZING HIM TO CONTINUE "INFORMAL PRACTICE" WITHIN FLEXIBLE GUIDELINES. THIS RECOMMENDATION SUPPORTED BY GREAT MAJORITY. USSR INTRODUCED COUNTER PROPOSAL, SUPPORTED BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HONDURAS, YUGOSLAVIA AND PAKISTAN, IN FORM OF RESOLUTION TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO UN PRACTICES. AFTER LONG DEBATE THE CHAIRMAN (VALLADARES) REQUESTED THE RAPORTEURS TO FORMULATE A RESOLUTION REFLECTING CONSENSUS THAT EB HAD FULL CONFIDENCE IN DG MAHLER AND SHOULD DO NOTHING TO LIMIT HIS FREE-
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